



GAME NOTES

Merritt Centennials
at
Wenatchee Wild

Friday January 26, 2018



This evening, the Wenatchee Wild (29-12-3-1, 3rd Place Interior Div.) face the Merritt Centennials (17-22-3-1, 7th Place, Interior Div.) in the fifth of six scheduled meetings this season.

HEAD TO HEAD: This is the ninth meeting all time between these two franchises. Wenatchee is 4-4-0 over that span, but has won just once in three tries on home ice. The Wild have taken three of the four games this season, with the most recent being just last week, a 4-3 win on Tuesday night at Nicola Valley Memorial Arena.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: Forward **Jasper Weatherby** (31g, 32a) leads the Wild and the BCHL in points (63), and defenseman **Cooper Zech** (11g, 42a) leads all BCHL defensemen. Goalie **Seth Eisele** is 12-6-0 with a 2.47 Goals Against Average, and a Save Percentage of .890. Merritt's scoring attack is powered by veteran Henry Cleghorn (18g, 24a) and Zach Zorn (15g, 20a). Goalie Austin Roden is 8-8-0 overall with a 2.75 GAA and a .922 save percentage.

SPECIAL TEAMS:	WEN PP – 59/254 23.2% 1st	WEN PK – 26/170 84.7% 3rd
	MER PP – 37/196 18.9% 9th	MER PK – 40/220 81.8% 9th

LAST GAME: The Wild powered their way to a 10-3 win at home over the Nanaimo Clippers last Saturday night, extending their win streak to four games. The Centennials fell in overtime last Saturday night at home, 3-2 at the hands of the Powell River Kings. Merritt is winless (0-3-1) in their last four

MOVING ON: The same two teams meet here again tomorrow night. Next week the Wild wrap up their seven-game homestand with Powell River coming in Wednesday for the makeup game from the Nov. 3 date (bus trouble), then Coquitlam and Langley visit on the weekend. Merritt travels to Vernon on Wednesday, hosts Penticton on Friday then heads up to West Kelowna on Saturday.

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

TONIGHT'S PROMOTION: Tonight is "Pepsi Night", sponsored by Weinstein Beverage. Postgame autographs on the concourse with **Cooper Zech** and **Sam Morton**.

NEXT HOME GAME: Tomorrow is "Guns and Hoses Night" as the Wild and Merritt tangle again for the final time this regular season. Come early, because at 5 pm, it's the return of the Police vs Fire hockey game! Don't miss it!

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